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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH WASHINGTON

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Dear Allen:

The Department feels there is need for a Special National Intelligence Estimate on Haiti. Our substantial aid program there has been under severe pressure recently from the Duvalier regime. The regime, itself, is shaky and, of course, highly vulnerable to the consequences of possible imminent change in the Dominican Republic and related pressure from Castro's Cuba.

We have in mind an estimate which would deal with the present internal political and economic prospects of the country, including importantly, the composition and political outlook of the influential group surrounding Duvalier. An estimate of this sort would be of specific utility now. Timing would, therefore, suitably be urgent though not crash. We hope very much that the project can be undertaken.

Sincerely,

Hugh S. Cumming, Jr. The Director of Intelligence and Research

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles, The Director of Central Intelligence, Washington.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cabell C/C Please note the attached. I am back at the office and can come down for any point, if you think it desirable. AWD August 9, 1960 REPLACES FORM 10-101 101

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

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A copy of the attached has been sent to AD/ONE. After you have noted, I will show this to General Cabell.

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